whether Government had considered the question of giving him his due rank in the Magistrates' cadre.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He himself does not want a Magistrate's place.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know from the member whether he has declined to accept the post in writing ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I think he wrote to the District Magistrate, who wrote to Government. He would rather not have a Magistrate's post.

MR. N. K KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): So, am I to understand from the member that Government have no definite information on the subject ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It has been decided by somebody.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : May I inform the member that what he wrote to Government was that he should be given his due rank in the Magistrates' cadre, What I now understand from the Chief Secretary is that he would rather not have a Magistrate's post at all. Has he not been applying for a Magistrate's place from 1100 ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I do not know.

MR. N. K KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : May I know whether the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner has recommended the appointment of Mr. Raman Menon as a Tahsildar ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

Retrenchment of expenditure in the Co-operative Department.

259. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state the nature of the retrenchments effected in the Co-operative Department and the amount of money saved in that department ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): No retrenchment was effected in the Co-operative Department, except a reduction of 20 per cent. in the P. T. A. of the Inspectors. There are 27 Inspectors, each Inspector's P. T. A. being Rs. 30 per mensem. The annual saving effected is Rs. 1,944.

Sinking of wells at Munambam.

260. **MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Parur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are in receipt of memorials from the people of Munambam praying for the sinking of a few wells for the supply of pure drinking water ;

(*b*) the action taken on the same ; and

(*c*) whether the Sanitary Commissioner has reported on the necessity of sinking wells for the supply of pure drinking water at Munambam ?

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MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes, a memorial was received.

(*b*) An estimate has been called for.

(*c*) Yes.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*): With reference to part (*a*), may I know the date on which the memorial was received?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): 29-3-1107.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*): When was the estimate called for?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) On 22-4-1932.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*): May I know whether an estimate has been submitted?

MR P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It has not come yet.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*): May I know who is responsible for submitting it?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Sanitary Commissioner.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*): May I know the date on which the Sanitary Commissioner was addressed on the point?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): In May 1931.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*): Will the member be pleased to state why the estimate has not yet been submitted by the Sanitary Commissioner?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): A reminder will be sent asking the Commissioner to send up the estimate.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*) How long will it take to submit an estimate generally?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I cannot say.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*): May I take it that the estimate will not be delayed further?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): A reminder will be sent to him asking him to submit the estimate.

Entertainment of volunteers in the Anchal Department.

261. **MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) whether a competitive examination of the clerk-volunteers of the Anchal Department was held recently in connection with the appointment of clerks in the Department;

(*b*) if so, whether they will lay on the table a statement, by caste, of those who applied for the examination and of those who actually sat for the examination;

(*c*) the names of those who valued the answer papers of this examination and the nature of the valuation;

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